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## European Drag Racing Championship at Wellingborough (United Kingdom)

The first European Drag Racing Championship and Cup race of the year started in Santa Pod, England this bank holiday weekend. The track was very well and professionally prepared by the Santa Pod Crew.

The first round on Saturday showed us that this track was capable of some record breaking racing. During the second qualification round, Top Fuel Bike rider Ian King from Great Britain made a low pass at 5.8 sec. Also Super Street Bike rider Steve Venables, from Great Britain, too, broke the 7 seconds barrier with a stunning 6,9 seconds pass.

Qualification ended with Ian King as top qualifier in Top Fuel Bike, Samu Kempainen from Finland as top qualifier in Super Twin, Gert-Jan Laseur from The Netherlands as top qualifier in Pro Stock Bike and Steve Venables as top qualifier in the Super Street Bike Cup.

The race day was Monday, and it started with small rain drops which resulted in small delays for the elimination.

The winner in Top Fuel Bike was British Ian King (in the first photo from the top), before Swedish Richard Gustafsson.

The winner in Super Twin was Samu Kempainen from Finland (in the second photo), ahead of Martin de Hass from The Netherlands.

In Pro Stock class, the winner was Alex Hope from Great Britain (in the third photo), in front of Gert-Jan La-





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seur from The Netherlands.

In the Super Street Bike Cup Steve Venables from Great Britain (in the photo aside) won ahead of his compatriot Rick Stubbins. Venables scored a new European speed record in Super Street Bike Cup, with 210,10 miles per hour.



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